



Rules for U13A

It is the responsibility of the head coach to read through these rules and forward them to assistant coaches

1. All tournaments are governed in order by:
 - a. SSWRMSA Tournament Rules
 - b. Softball Canada Rules
2. All teams will play 5 games with a minimum of 1 playoff game. Playoffs will be single knockout.
3. **Anyone warming up a pitcher in the vicinity of the diamond MUST wear a catcher's mask. A fielder's mask or a helmet with batting cages is NOT acceptable. Failure to do so after a warning is given will result in the individual being removed from the game. If a continuous warning is issued within the same tournament, the Head Coach will be removed from the game.**
4. Pick-up players are limited to 3 and must be identified with a (*) on your roster. Max roster size is 15 for U13A
5. **Paper ROSTERS- MUST BE HANDED IN 30 mins** before your first game, and no player can be added after submission to the tournament table. Only 1 roster is required.
6. The home team is determined at the start of each game by a coin toss
7. Time starts at the end of the plate conference
8. **The winning team will submit an official score sheet with signatures from both scorekeepers at the end of each game, including playoffs.**
9. Base touch is **not** used in these tournaments
10. **Music** – NO music will be played before 9:00 am at any park. Walk-up music will be turned off once the batter is in the batter's box. Between innings, there is no competition on which team can play the loudest music. If this becomes an issue, music will no longer be allowed during the rest of the tournament.
11. You can play with 8 players and no automatic out for the 9th batter
12. It is the team's responsibility to make sure you know where you are playing and to check for any last-minute changes that can occur after the initial release of the schedule
13. Pitching limit for U13A only – 4 innings per game (limit suspended during international play/extra innings)
14. Coaches – no denim, no tank tops, no open-toe shoes or sandals to be worn when on the field coaching.
15. **MVP slips** – You will be given 3 slips when you hand in your PAPER Roster. Please give the award to 3 different individuals from your team. Do not give the same player MVP in the same tournament.
16. **Round Robin Games** – 90 minutes with max 5 runs per inning

17. Game ends:

- a. Time has expired, and the inning is completed
- b. Time expired, the visiting team completed their bat, and the home team is ahead and takes the lead.
- c. The game ends as soon as the home team takes the lead; they do not complete their bats after the winning run is scored.

18. Mercy limits – after completed innings

- a. 15 runs after 3 innings
- b. 10 runs after 4 innings
- c. 7 runs after 5 innings.

19. Scoring

- a. Points are awarded as follows:
 - i. 2 pts for a win
 - ii. 1 pt for a tie
 - iii. 0 pts for loss
- b. Run differential will be counted to a maximum of +7 and a minimum of -7

20. Seeding for playoffs will be determined in order of:

- a. Points, run differential, least runs against, most runs for
- b. In the event of a tie, head-to-head play will be used
- c. If still a tie, a coin toss will be used to break the tie.

21. Playoffs: 90 mins 5 runs max

- a. The highest-seeded team will determine home or away
- b. In the event of a tie during the playoffs, the international rule will come into effect after the time expires or at the start of the 7th inning and will continue until a winner is determined.
- c. The mercy rule is the same as above.

22. Medal Games - Bronze and Gold Medal Championship games 5-run max.

- i. Bronze Medal Game – No new inning after 90 mins
- ii. Gold Medal Game – 7 innings subject to mercy rule. No time limit
- b. The International Tie Breaker will come into effect at the end of the last inning completed after the time expires or at the start of the 7th inning.
- c. The mercy rule is the same as above.

23. There will be no tolerance for any kind of abuse towards our umpires, coaches, players, guests and spectators. Removal from the game and/or park will be at the discretion of the umpire.

24. This is a no-protest tournament. If you have questions or concerns, please see our UIC, and they will discuss them with you in a polite manner.

25. After the end of your game, **it's your responsibility** to see that the dugouts are clean of any garbage and water bottles.

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